

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): A method for producing an information-recording medium comprising, on a substrate, a recording layer capable of recording information, said method comprising ~~a step~~ the steps of:

drying said recording layer by rotating said substrate at a high speed, and

allowing clean air to flow toward said recording layer formed on said substrate, ~~wherein:~~  
through a lid having an opening at least at a central portion and then through an intake for  
~~introducing said clean air, wherein said intake is narrowed by putting a said lid having an~~  
opening at least at a central portion, on said intake ~~for introducing said clean air.~~

3. (cancelled).

4. (previously presented): The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said opening is formed to have a wedge-shaped configuration.

5. (previously presented): The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said opening is formed to have a substantially rhombic configuration.

6. (previously presented): The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said lid has a first opening which has a large diameter disposed at a central portion, and it has a plurality of second openings which have diameters gradually decreased for those disposed in a direction toward an outer circumference in which a central angle resides in a spacing distance of not less than  $10^{\circ}$ .

7. (previously presented): The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said lid is formed to have a substantially conical configuration which has a diameter continuously decreased downwardly, and it has an opening at a central portion.

8. (previously presented): The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said lid has an opening at a central portion, and it has a plurality of fins which are formed at a lower surface in which a central angle resides in a spacing distance of not less than  $10^{\circ}$ .

9-11. (canceled).